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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mr. Roland Paul, Former Counsel of the
Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee of U. S. Security
Agreements and Commitments Abroad

1. Received a call from Mr. Roland Paul, former Counsel of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on U. S. Security Agreements and Commitments Abroad, who is now practicing law in New York City. Mr. Paul told me that Channel 5, WNEW, New York City, had given rather extensive coverage last evening to the charges against the Agency set forth in the McCoy book "The Politics of Heroin in Southeast Asia." New York Times has also given coverage to these same charges over the last week or two. He is reminded of the testimony by Mr. Helms before the Committee at a time when no one was interested in the drug business of the successes in dealing with the Meos and in conversion of the Meos in several areas to other cash crops and away from opium. Paul said he has direct access to Channel 5 personnel and knows Seymour Hersh, who is one of the writers for the Times on this subject. He intends taking no action but wanted to let us know that if he could be of assistance in this fashion, he would be pleased to do so. I thanked him for his generous offer. No further action or followup calls are required.



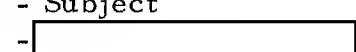
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